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SUBJECT: CHAVAN TO VISIT BANGLADESH

1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION ON A SEPARATE SUBJECT, INDIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER DIXIT TOLD EMBOFF THAT INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER Y.B. CHAVAN WILL VISIT BANGLADESH DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 7-10.

2. DIXIT SAID PURPOSE OF VISIT IS MANIFOLD. CHAVAN WANTS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE IRRITANTS IN INDO-BANGLADESH RELATIONS SUCH AS THE FARAKKA BARRAGE ISSUE TO SEE IF ANY NEW APPROACHES ARE POSSIBLE. HE IS INTERESTED IN MATTERS OF COMMON SUCH AS THE MOVEMENT OF EXTREMISTS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH AND WANTS TO SEE WHAT FURTHER COOPERATION MAY BE NEEDED OR FEASIBLE. AS A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, HE IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE NEW THINGS HE HAS TO DO.

3. DIXIT SAID THAT THE TIMING ALSO RESULTS FROM THE FACT THAT MRS. GANDHI WILL NOT BE COMING IN DECEMBER, BENGALIEE EXPECTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING. CHAVAN

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VISIT IS VERY MUCH INTENDED TO OFFSET THE DISAPPOINTMENT

WHICH MRS. GANDHI'S FAILURE TO COME WOULD CAUSE, AND
DIXIT VOICED THE VIEW THAT CHAVAN COULD WELL TELL THE
BENGALLEES THAT INDIA PLANS TO REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF
WATER WHICH WEST BENGAL WILL NEED FROM FARAKKA.
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